

## Who Am I?

I am your constant companion.  
I am your greatest helper and heaviest burden.  
I will push you onward or drag you down to failure.  
I am completely at your command.  
Half the things you do,  
you might just as well turn over to me  
and I will be able to do them quickly and correctly.  
I am easily managed - you must merely be firm with me.  
Show me exactly how you want something done  
and after a few lessons,  
I will do it automatically.  
I am the servant of all great men and women;  
and alas, of all failures as well.  
Those who are great, I have made great.  
Those who are failures, I have made failures.  
I am not a machine,  
though I work with all the precision of a machine,  
plus the intelligence of a woman or a man.  
You may run me for profit or for ruin –  
it makes no difference to me.  
Take me, train me, be firm with me,  
and I will place the world at your feet.  
Be easy with me and I will destroy you.

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